

Wisbech Rural District Council

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1958.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

M. Doreen C. Martin,
M.B.Ch.B., D.C.H.

District Council Offices
Alexandra Road,
Wisbech.

WISBECH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE:-

The Chairman (Mr. W. D. Hunter-Rowe, J.P.), The Vice-Chairman (Mr. M. Pentelow), and the full Council.

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Public Health Officers of the Local Authority:-

Medical Officer of Health -

M. DOREEN C. MARTIN, M.B.Ch.B. D.C.H.


Senior Public Health Inspector and Surveyor -

T. A. C. MARCH, F.A.P.H.I.

Additional Public Health Inspector and Deputy Surveyor -

A. P. GRANT, M.A.P.H.I.

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WISBECH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1958

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I present, for your consideration, the Annual Report of the Public Health and Welfare of the Rural District of Wisbech for the year ending 31st December, 1958.

This year, again, I welcome the opportunity of thanking the Chairman and Members of the Council for their help and support. I would like to record too, my gratitude to the Senior Public Health Inspector and the Staff of the Public Health Department.

I have the honour to be Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,

A. James C. Martin

Medical Officer of Health.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area of District	49,841 acres.
Registrar General's estimate of mid-year population for 1958	12,550
Estimate mid-year population for 1957	12,500
Rateable value 1st April, 1958	£73,457
Rateable value 1st April, 1957	£77,839
Product of a penny rate	£309
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate books	4116.

VITAL STATISTICS.

LIVE BIRTHS - 196

	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>Wisbech R.D.</u> <u>Birth Rate</u> <u>(adjusted).</u>	<u>Adminis-</u> <u>trative</u> <u>County.</u>	<u>Englan</u> <u>and</u> <u>Wales</u>
<u>TOTAL:</u>	110	86			
Legitimate:	100	83	15.6	15.78	16.4
Illegitimate:	10	3			

Area comparability Factor (Births) 1.00
(Birth rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident mid-1958 population).

STILL BIRTHS - 8

	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>Wisbech R.D.</u> <u>Still Birth</u> <u>Rate.</u>	<u>Adminis-</u> <u>trative</u> <u>County.</u>	<u>Englan</u> <u>and</u> <u>Wales</u>
<u>TOTAL:</u>	3	5			
Legitimate:	3	5	39.2	19.68	21.6
Illegitimate:	-	-			

Rate per 1,000 total (Live and Still) Births.

DEATHS (all causes):

<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>Wisbech R.D.</u> <u>Death Rate</u> <u>(adjusted)</u>	<u>Adminis-</u> <u>trative</u> <u>County.</u>	<u>Englan</u> <u>and</u> <u>Wales</u>
115	60	55	9.8.	9.82	11.7

Area comparability Factor (deaths) 1.08
(Death rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident mid-1958 population).

DEATHS - Pregnancy, Childbirth and Abortion - 0

DEATHS - Infants under 1 year of age -

	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Wisbech R.D.</u> <u>Infant Mortality</u> <u>Rate.</u>	<u>Adminis-</u> <u>trative</u> <u>County.</u>	<u>Englan</u> <u>and</u> <u>Wales</u>
<u>TOTAL:</u> 5					
Legitimate:	4	1			
Illegitimate:	-	-	25.5	17.92	22.5

VITAL STATISTICS (cont'd).

CAUSES OF DEATH OF CHILDREN UNDER 1 YEAR -

Prematurity: 4

Hydrocephalus: 1

DEATHS of infants under 4 weeks of age -

TOTAL: 4

Legitimate	=	$\frac{M}{3}$	$\frac{F}{1}$
Illegitimate	=	-	-

DEATHS from Cancer (all ages) - 21

GENERAL MEDICAL SERVICES.

Isle of Ely Executive Council - Bank House, West End, March.

Clerk: A. R. Marsh, Esq.

East Anglian Regional Hospital Board - 117, Chesterton Road,
Cambridge.

Senior Administrative Medical Officer - Dr. J. B. Ewen.

(a) GENERAL:

- (i) North Cambridgeshire Hospital, Wisbech.
- (ii) Clarkson Hospital, Wisbech.
- (iii) Memorial Hospital, Peterborough.
- (iv) Addenbrooks Hospital, Cambridge.
- (v) Doddington Hospital, Doddington.

(b) MATERNITY:

Bowthorpe Maternity Home, Wisbech.

(c) INFECTIOUS DISEASES:

Isolation Hospital, Peterborough.

(d) SANATORIA:

Accommodation is provided through the East Anglian
Regional Hospital Board.

GENERAL MEDICAL SERVICES (cont'd).

(e) MENTAL:

Accommodation is provided through the East Anglian Regional Hospital Board by arrangement with the Local General Practitioners, usually Fulbourne.

(f) VENEREAL DISEASE:

- (i) Addenbrooks Hospital, Cambridge.
- (ii) Peterborough Memorial Hospital.
- (iii) West Norfolk and King's Lynn Hospital.

(g) MEDICAL EQUIPMENT SERVICE:

Medical equipment is provided on loan by the St. Johns Ambulance Division and the Red Cross Medical Loan Depot by arrangement with the County Council.

MIDWIFERY, GENERAL SICK NURSING AND PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING:

The Nursing Staff is employed by the Isle of Ely County Council either directly or by arrangement with the County Nursing Association under the National Health Service Act, 1946.

In the Parishes given, all those undertaking midwifery and general nursing are qualified to administer gas/air analgesia and pethedine, and the necessary number of gas/air machines are available for their use.

ELM, UPWELL AND OUTWELL -

Miss A. Heney,
Halfpenny Lane,
ELM,
(Wisbech 1806).

Q.N.
S.R.N.
S.C.M.
H.V.Cert.

Relief Midwife; General
Nursing; Public Health
Nursing; School Nurse.

Mrs. M. Hatton,
35, Glebe Close,
MANEA,
Cambs..

Q.N.
S.C.M.
H.V.Cert.

Relief Midwife; General
Nursing; Public Health
Nursing; School Nursing.

MIDWIFERY, GENERAL SICK NURSING AND PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING. (cont'd).

WISBECH ST. MARY & PARSON DROVE -

Mrs A.L. Guiver, "Pitsdale", LEVERINGTON. (W.St.Mary 244)	S.R.N. S.C.M.	Midwifery only.
Miss M.E. Joynt, Nurses House, Church Road, WISBECH ST. MARY. (W.St.Mary 249).	Q.N. S.C.M. H.V.Cert.	<u>Wisbech St. Mary</u> - General Nursing only. <u>Parson Drove</u> - Public Health Nursing.

LEVERINGTON, NEWTON AND TYDD ST. GILES -

Miss E.M.Burdett, High Road, GOREFIELD, Nr. Wisbech.	Q.N. S.C.M.	Midwifery. General Nursing.
Miss E.T. Taylor, "Leigh Bank", Leverington Road, WISBECH.	S.R.N. S.C.M.	Health Visitor; Public Health Nursing in the Parishes not covered. School Nurse for all these Parishes.
Mrs. E. Young, 33, School Lane, MANEA, Cambs..	S.R.N. S.C.M. H.V.Cert.	Tuberculosis Health Visitor.

AMBULANCE AND HOSPITAL CAR SERVICE:

A County Council Service - there are three ambulances garaged at
Messrs. Dennis Transport, Sutton Road, Leverington.

COUNTY MEDICAL SERVICES:

Infant Welfare Centres -

(a)	Guyhirn (Village Hall)	3rd Thursday.
(b)	Parson Drove (Church Hall)	1st Wednesday.
(c)	Leverington (Church Hall)	2nd Tuesday.
(d)	Fridaybridge (Church Hall)	4th Wednesday.
(e)	Christchurch (Parish Room)	1st & 3rd Tuesday.
(f)	Newton (Women's Institute)	1st Thursday.

COUNTY MEDICAL SERVICES (cont'd).

School Minor Ailment Clinics -

- (a) County Clinics, Lynn Road, Wisbech.
- (b) Beaupre School, Outwell.

School Dental Clinic -

Lynn Road, Wisbech.

Home Help Service -

Organised and operated by County Council.

Disinfection and Disinfestation -

Premises - by the Senior Public Health Inspector's Staff.
Bedding, clothing etc., which cannot be dealt with by this Department
are sent to Peterborough Isolation Hospital.

Laboratory Services -

- (a) Public Health Laboratory Service,
Tennis Court Road,
1 CAMBRIDGE.
(Director - Dr. Fry).
- (b) Public Analyst,
S. Greenburgh, P.H.D., B.Sc., F.R.I.C.
25, St. Barnabas Road,
CAMBRIDGE.

NEW CASES AND DEATHS FROM TUBERCULOSIS, 1958:

<u>Age Period (years):</u>	<u>New Cases:</u>				<u>Deaths:</u>			
	<u>Respiratory</u>		<u>Non-Respiratory</u>		<u>Respiratory</u>		<u>Non-Respiratory.</u>	
	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>
- 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 - 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6 - 15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16 - 25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
26 - 35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
36 - 45	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
46 - 55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
56 - 65	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
65 x	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals:	2	1	-	-	1	-	-	-

CAUSES OF DEATH - 1958:

	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>Total</u>
Tuberculosis, respiratory	1	0	1
Tuberculosis, other	0	0	0
Syphilitic Disease	0	0	0
Diphtheria	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	0	0	0
Meningococcal Infections.....	0	0	0
Acute Poliomyelitis	0	0	0
Measles	0	0	0
Other infective and parastic diseases	0	0	0
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	0	1	1
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	4	0	4
Malignant neoplasm, breast	0	2	2
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	0	1	1
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	9	4	13
Leukeamia, aleukeamia	0	0	0
Diabetes	2	2	4
Vascular lesions of nervous system	7	13	20
Coronary disease, angina	7	8	15
Hypertension with heart disease	0	2	2
Other heart disease	8	6	14
Other circulatory disease	1	3	4
Influenza	0	0	0
Pneumonia	2	3	5
Bronchitis	4	2	6
Other diseases of the respiratory system	0	0	0
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	2	0	2
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	0	0	0
Nephritis and nephrosis	0	0	0
Hyperplasia of prostate	5	0	5
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	0	0	0
Congenital malformations	1	1	2
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	7	6	13
Motor vehicle accidents	0	0	0
All other accidents	0	1	1
Suicide	0	0	0
Homicide and operations of war.....	0	0	0
All causes	60	55	115

It is satisfactory to write that there was only one case of acute poliomyelitis during the year. Innoculations against poliomyelitis proceeded satisfactorily through out the year.

NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASES - 1958:

Notifications:

Dysentery	0
Typhoid Fever	0
Paratyphoid Fever	0
Meningococcal Infections	0
Scarlet Fever	13
Whooping Cough	27
Diphtheria	0
Erysipelas	1
Smallpox	0
Measles	4
Pneumonia	3
Acute Poliomyelitis (including Polioencephalitis)	
Paralytic	1
Non-Paralytic	0
Food Poisoning	5
Puerperal Pyrexia	0
Tuberculosis (all forms)	3
Malaria	0
Infective Jaundice	0
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	0

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HOUSING.

I am indebted to the Senior Public Health Inspector for the following reports:-

Number of Houses completed during 1958 -

Council Houses	-	4	Private	-	25.
Bungalows	-	13			
		<u>17</u>			

Number of houses under construction at the end of 1958 -

Council Bungalows	-	2	Private	-	13.
Council Houses	-	6			
		<u>8</u>			

UNFIT HOUSES -

There was a similar number of unfit houses dealt with to prevent them being used for human habitation to that in the previous year, the figures being three Demolition Orders, seven closed by formal or informal action, and two demolished in anticipation of Demolition Order

There are approximately 365 unfit houses distributed in the Parishes as follows:-

Elm	-	58.
Leverington	-	78.
Newton	-	17.
Outwell	-	28.
Parson Drove	-	35.
Tydd St. Giles	-	21.
Upwell	-	37.
Wisbech St. Mary	-	91.

RENT ACT, 1957 -

During the year eight applications for Certificates of disrepair were received, of which in one case only was it necessary to issue the Certificate as in seven cases the owners gave undertakings to carry out the work requested.

All the repair work was carried out by the end of the year.

HOUSING (cont'd).

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS -

Applications for grants for improvements to private dwellings have been dealt with jointly by the Public Health and Architect's Departments as in the previous year. After suspension for a period the making of grants was re-introduced on 1st April, and grants were approved for 13 houses during the remaining three quarters of the year to a total of £3,198.

BUILDING BYELAWS -

The examination of all plans submitted under the Building Byelaws, preparation of reports to the Planning Committee, and subsequent inspection of work in progress, is carried out by the Public Health Department, and during the year, 165 plans were dealt with.

CESSPOOL AND PRIVY EMPTYING -

The one cesspool emptier operated by two men was working to capacity throughout the year; in all, 1,402 loads being taken from 1,104 private cesspools, 147 privies were emptied, and 200 loads of sludge removed from the Council's Sewage Disposal Plants on 12 housing estates.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL -

A fortnightly collection of refuse is carried out over practically the whole of the district, and a twice weekly collection for about three-quarters of the year from the Agricultural Camp at Fridaybridge, by two men with one vehicle.

During the year, approximately 1,920 tons of refuse were collected and disposed of.

FOOD -

There was no change in regard to food premises generally, premises registered for the sale of Ice Cream, and those used in connection with the sale of Milk.

MEAT INSPECTION -

No difficulty was experienced in the inspection of all slaughtered animals for human consumption in the three slaughterhouses in the district.

Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part.

1958 1.1.58 to 31.12.58	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed:	60	28	-	29	598	-
Number inspected:	60	28	-	29	598	-
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci.</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned:	-	-	-	-	2	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned:	12	3	-	2	121	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuber- culosis and cysticerci:	20	10.7	-	6.8	20.2	-
<u>Tuberculosis only -</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned:	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned:	4	2	-	-	22	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis:	6.6	7.1	-	-	3.6	-
<u>Cysticercosis -</u>						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned:	<div>N I L</div>					
Carcases submitted to treat- ment by refrigeration:						
Generalised and totally condemned:						

FACTORIES ACT, 1947 and 1948.

Part 1 of the Act.

1. INSPECTIONS for the purposes of provisions as to health
(including inspections made by the Public Health Inspectors).

Premises (1)	M/c line No. (2)	Number on Register (3)	Number of			M/c line No. (7)
			Inspect ions (4)	Written Notices (5)	Occ. Prs'ctd (6)	
(i) Factories in which Sects. 1,2,3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities:	1	44	45	-	-	1
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Sect.7 is enforced by the Local Authority:	2	29	55	-	-	2
(iii) Other premises in which Sect.7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises):	3	-	-	-	-	3
Total:	-	73	100	-	-	-

2. No defects were discovered during the year.

